

Supervisor Burke Kicks Off Trailblazing Mental Health Institute

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke joined the directors of the departments of Health Services, Mental Health and Children and Family Services at a news conference announcing the formation of the new Institute for Co-Occurring Disorders, at the Augustus F. Hawkins Mental Health Center. The new institute is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation that will treat mental illness co-occurring with substance abuse. It is estimated that up to three in every 100 Americans suffer from both disorders.

Supervisor Burke congratulated attendees at the planning meeting for the new Institute for Co-Occurring Disorders for coming together in the nation's first large-scale collaboration to treat the problem.



At the news conference, Supervisor Burke stated: "It is becoming increasingly clear that mental illness and substance abuse often go hand in hand. Medical professionals who treat the mentally ill estimate that at least 50 percent of their patients also abuse alcohol or drugs. Among mentally ill adolescents the rate is even higher." She noted that among mentally ill jail and prison inmates, at least three-quarters also abuse alcohol or drugs, or both.

"The figures on adolescent drug and alcohol abuse are especially troubling," the Supervisor said, "as people under the age of 20 years old who are also substance abusers run the risk of adversely affecting their brain

development." She stated that substance abuse that begins at an early age has been associated with bringing about, or worsening, the early onset of mental illness.

"People who suffer from untreated anxiety or depression often turn to drugs and/or alcohol in an effort to deaden the pain. The problem of mental illness that co-occurs with substance abuse is not being effectively addressed," she said, "even though it has already been shown – through the use of AB 2024 and Cromio programs run by the Department of Mental Health – that we can reduce hospitalizations, incarceration rates, and the use of emergency health services by treating these disorders when they occur together."

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Employee of the Month: District Attorney's Darren Levine

Darren Levine has worked his entire career of 13 years with the County of Los Angeles in the District Attorney's Office. He is currently working as a Deputy District Attorney III in the Crimes Against Police Officers Section, where he is specifically assigned to prosecute murders and attempted murders against on-duty peace officers. "By far, the most fulfilling part of my job is working with the family members, friends, and colleagues of police officers and sheriff's deputies who have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our community in giving their life in the line of duty," Levine said. "The thing I value most is bringing to justice those who are responsible for perpetrating these horrific crimes."

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Librarian Penny Markey Receives National Award



The Board of Supervisors presented Manhattan Beach resident Penny Markey (pictured with Supervisor Burke, County Public Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd and Supervisor Knabe) with a scroll honoring her as the 2003 recipient of the National Grolier Foundation Award for innovation and leadership in library services to children. The award was announced in June at the American Library Association conference in Toronto, Canada. The Grolier Foundation Award is presented “to a librarian whose ‘unusual contribution’ to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people exemplifies outstanding achievement in the profession.”

Markey is the Youth Services Coordinator for the County of Los

Angeles Public Library. She began her career with the County Library in 1974 as a children’s librarian. Now, she oversees the development and implementation of programs and resources for children and youth offered in the County Library’s 84 community libraries and four bookmobiles. Among the many innovative programs that Markey has developed are partnerships with the Los Angeles Dodgers, DreamWorks Studios, the Los Angeles Times *Reading by 9* program, and, currently, with the L.A. Galaxy. The partnerships have provided reading incentives and motivational activities for thousands of children and families through the County Library system.

Markey’s leadership in children’s library service has had impact well beyond the County Library arena. She spearheaded collaborative activities with other library jurisdictions, both within the County and among neighboring counties. She serves on the Los Angeles County Children’s Planning Council and the Los Angeles Roundtable for Children. The California Library Association and the American Library Association have benefited from Markey’s involvement and expertise. She is the author and co-author of several articles for professional publications, including *School Library Journal* and *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries*. In addition to her position with the County Library, Markey is an adjunct professor in UCLA’s Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, teaching classes in children’s library service.

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She paid tribute to the Department of Mental Health and its Alcohol and Drug Program Administration for making significant inroads in treatment through a collaborative effort. “However,” she said, “we need more and larger efforts of this kind, in order to develop treatment programs that could address problems of the magnitude we now face.” She said a successful collaboration could be expected to reduce inpatient hospital days by 70 percent, and decrease homelessness by 65 percent.

Department heads at the news conference and the meeting that followed were Dr. Marvin J. Southard, Director of Mental Health; Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, Director of Health Services; and Dr. David Sanders, Director of Children and Family Services. Also attending were representatives from the Probation and Sheriff’s departments. Other organizations represented were the Augustus F. Hawkins Mental Health Center, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, Charles Drew University at King/Drew Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority), the National Association for the Mentally Ill, an advocacy group; and numerous other private and nonprofit organizations.

Supervisor Burke concluded her remarks by noting that the highly collaborative effort “is the first of its kind in the nation. I believe it could lead to a model of what can be accomplished, not only in Los Angeles County, but in other jurisdictions, as well.”

What If?

What if you were without power for hours? If a major blackout occurs in L. A. County, you might be without electricity for several hours or days. Don’t be left in the dark! Before the next emergency occurs, protect your family by obtaining battery-operated flashlights and extra batteries for your home, office and vehicle. Lightsticks also work well for children. Never use candles for emergency lighting. They can cause fires! Remember, the safety of your family is important. Call the CAO Office of Emergency Management at (213) 974-1166 for free information, or visit the Emergency Survival Program (ESP) Web site at www.espfocus.org.

Supervisor Antonovich Hails Success of County's Sex Offender Locator Web Site

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (*pictured below*) and Chief Information Officer John Fullinwider held a press conference on July 3 to discuss and demonstrate Los Angeles County's online sex offender locator Web site.



The County's sex offender Web site has received nearly 40 million hits since its inception last September. An average of 130,000 hits is recorded every day – almost 5,500 per hour – at www.lacounty.info.

Recently, the National Association of Counties honored the sex offender Web site with its 2003 "Best in Category" achievement award. "This user-friendly public safety tool empowers the public with access to information on sex offenders in their communities," Supervisor Antonovich said.



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The map's color-coded screen allows people to search by address, school or park for the nearest location of sex predators. Armed with the information from the Web site, citizens can visit a local police or sheriff station to view names, pictures and rap sheets of the offenders.

There are currently nearly 15,000 sex offenders in the County of Los Angeles.

- 11,604 are serious offenders who have been convicted of any sexual assault, including rape, sodomy, assault with the intent to commit rape, and child molestation.
- 92 are high-risk offenders who have been convicted of multiple violent crimes, at least one of which has been a violent sex crime.
- 3,108 fall in the "other" offender's category and have been convicted of less violent crimes including public exposure, lewdness and pornography.

While the United States Supreme Court has recently ruled that photos of convicted sex offenders may be posted on the Internet, California law still only permits access to pictures and information at local police stations. The Board of Supervisors voted to support legislation to allow Internet posting of pictures and conviction information about convicted sex offenders. This legislation is currently stalled and will likely become a two-year bill.

"With a change in state law, we could enhance the Web site to include sex offender pictures and conviction information allowing citizens to immediately access this information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," Supervisor Antonovich said.

The County's sex offender locator map is having real world results in apprehending predators and protecting our citizens. It was reported that a Lancaster man was being too friendly with the children in his neighborhood trailer park. Parents did a search and found there was an offender in the neighborhood.

At their local sheriff's station, a search on the Megan's Law database revealed that the man was a registered offender. Subsequent interviews of neighborhood children found one victim and further investigation found two additional victims. The man was arrested and is awaiting trial, thanks to the County's Web site.

AUGUST RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

BEACHES & HARBORS: Charlene A. Dye
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Zora L. Oglesby
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Charlyne G. Chaka
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Douglas S. Routh
COUNTY COUNSEL: Carolyn S. Taylor
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Fred Macksoud
FIRE: Alan Barbee, Jack Dragotto, Jose Lopez, John A. Mastright, William McKown, Lawrence Saumur, Richard D. Tucker
HEALTH SERVICES: Nanci C. Brown, James R. Franklin, Billy J. Hart, John W. Mebane, Cleta Mustin, Maxine L. Nowell, David Quintero, Bonnie J. Riley, Della M. Speer, Alvin C. Williams, Alvin S. Yusin
HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC SAFETY: Thomas L. Carroll
INTERNAL SERVICES: Roy M. Bridges, Robert J. Graham, William I. Morimoto Jr., John W. Sims, James A. Van Zuilen
PROBATION: Grace Bedolla, Terry O. Beyer, Melvin J. LeBlanc, Carole A. Smith, Joseph A. Taibe
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Laverne Byrd, Mattie Carter-Dougl, Ora M. Jackson, Mary L. Manns
PUBLIC WORKS: Eugene J. Bets, Hugh Staples
SHERIFF: Bervick J. Deculus, Christopher P. Despol, Frances Hackett, Carlos A. Hernandez, Georgette Hester, Lois Kirk, Gary M. Miller, Dreda M. Slaughter, Daniel G. Tovar, Humberto U. Velez, Jimmie L. Walker
SUPERIOR COURT: Eugene Cabeje

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Marie Ogden
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Haskell Scott Jr.
FIRE: Joseph Henson, Donald Littlejohn Sr., Franklin E. Luna, Michael Richey, Larry Westby
HEALTH SERVICES: Christie L. Bernal, Norva J. Fowler, Stella Gadson, Lydia Laguana, Eufemia Manuel, Osmin A. Morgado, Bijan Siassi, Irene T. Takemori
INTERNAL SERVICES: Edgar A. Perez, Carrie Willis
PARKS & RECREATION: Frederick L. Baker
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Linda Y. Cherry, Edward Jennings, Patricia A. Sykes
PUBLIC WORKS: Honorato M. Vitug
SHERIFF: James Birmingham, Darryl S. Carter, Philip Estebo, Kenneth Irwin Jr., John Langley, David Stothers, Brent A. Witt
SUPERIOR COURT: Lynne Gold

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In March, Levine's efforts, along with investigators from the El Segundo Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, enabled him to bring to justice a killer of an unsolved 45-year-old double homicide of two on-duty El Segundo police officers, Curtis Milton and Richard Phillips. The killer is now serving two consecutive life sentences.



His fondest memories and greatest satisfaction are grounded in giving family members who have lost a loved one to violence some measure of satisfaction that the justice system did not fail them. "My greatest honor has been maintaining close friendships with these families," Levine said.

Levine is a noted expert in Krav Maga, the official martial arts system for Israeli defense forces and his efforts outside the office have helped ensure that fewer law enforcement officers are injured or killed on the job. "I have worked for more than 25 years as a defensive tactics trainer for U.S. local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as specialized units from the military, which has provided me with a unique perspective on violent confrontations and crime fighting. This experience has served to help me analyze and present violent felony cases to jurors...almost from the inside out," Levine said. He serves as a counter-terrorism consultant to elite units in the U.S. Armed Forces and for more than 100 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including special operations units, S.W.A.T. and the Federal Air Marshals.

Levine, his family and his Krav Maga associates spend a tremendous amount of time during the year raising money for a number of local and national charitable organizations, which include the Make a Wish Foundation, Revlon Cancer Walk and AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Levine and his wife, Marni, have two daughters, Jordyn Rose, 9, and Brooke, 6. "I am forever grateful to them for understanding the passion I have for my work...and for tolerating my time away from our home and family."

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Takes Reins as New MTA Board Chairman



County Supervisor and MTA Board Director Zev Yaroslavsky became MTA Board Chairman beginning July 1. Yaroslavsky, who has served as First Vice Chair since July 2002, will serve as Chair for a term of one year.

"How to improve mobility in our region is our most daunting challenge," Yaroslavsky said. "My top priorities will be figuring out the most effective transit solutions for Los Angeles County, increasing our available funding, and guiding MTA through what I hope will be a year of great promise and achievement."



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky cuts the ribbon to formally open the Pasadena Gold Line, a 14-mile light-rail line running from downtown's Union Station to East Pasadena and alongside the Metro Red Line subway, the Long Beach Blue Line and Century Freeway Green Line, the latest addition to the MTA's growing rail transit network in the County of Los Angeles. Joining Yaroslavsky for the festivities, in the foreground from the left, are Olympic Gold Medalists Jeanette Bolden, Danny Everett and Bob Seagren; Assemblymember Carol Liu; State Senator Jack Scott; and California Secretary of Transportation Maria Contreras-Sweet

Supervisor Yaroslavsky represents the County's Third Supervisorial District, which comprises much of the City of Los Angeles including the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and Los Feliz, the Wilshire corridor and

West Los Angeles; the cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and San Fernando; and unincorporated areas including Topanga and the Santa Monica Mountains.

He formerly served on the Los Angeles City Council. He was first elected in 1975 and was subsequently re-elected in 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989 and 1993. He was elected to the Board of Supervisors in June 1994 and was re-elected twice, most recently on March 5, 2002.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky succeeds outgoing Chair and Los Angeles City Councilman Hal Bernson. Highlights during Bernson's tenure included groundbreaking for construction of the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway, introduction of the Regional EZpass and expansion of the Metro Rapid bus program.

"Hal Bernson has worn many hats during his 24 years of public service," Yaroslavsky said. "We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts on behalf of the City and County of Los Angeles, Metrolink, Southern California Association of Governments and MTA."

MTA Board Director Frank C. Roberts will succeed Yaroslavsky as the Board's First Vice Chair. The MTA is the regional transportation planning agency for the County of Los Angeles. It operates a fleet of more than 2,200 buses in a service area of 1,433 square miles. The MTA also operates the 73.1-mile Metro Rail System and is the primary funding agency for Metrolink, the six-county, 507-mile commuter rail system.

In addition, the MTA funds street and highway projects, bike lanes and many other transportation improvements throughout the County of Los Angeles.

The Metro Rail System includes the 17.4-mile Metro Red Line subway and three light rail lines, the 22-mile Metro Blue Line, 20-mile Metro Green Line and the 13.7-mile Metro Gold Line, which opened July 26.

Supervisor Antonovich Honors “Wednesday’s Child” Program

On July 15, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented KTTV Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Devine, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Director David Sanders, Ph.D., and members of the “Wednesday’s Child” Partnership with a County scroll.



Pictured from left to right are: Caroline Janik-Wong, KTTV Sales Tape Producer; Veronica Carrillo, KTTV Sales Account Executive; Wendy Tashiro and William Wong, DCFS Adoptions; Sari Grant, DCFS Program Manager-Adoptions; Barry Ginsberg, DCFS Assistant Regional Administrator-Adoptions; Christine Devine; Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; a representative of the Freddie Mac Foundation; and David Sanders, Ph.D., DCFS Director.

The presentation honored the group’s dedication to finding adoptive homes for thousands of children in the County of Los Angeles. Each week on “Wednesday’s Child,” Devine introduces viewers to foster children in urgent need of adoption. Many are considered hard-to-place because they are older, in sibling groups or have health and developmental needs. Over the last four years, the Emmy-nominated “Wednesday’s Child” has resulted in matching hundreds of children with loving families in the County of Los Angeles. “Wednesday’s Child” airs every Wednesday in Los Angeles during the 10 p.m. newscast on KTTV Fox 11.

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Originally, area residents volunteered back in February 1949 to use their own money to build a public recreational facility. The County of Los Angeles helped them by purchasing the original five-acre orange grove for \$6,100—the only available parcel of land in Azusa at that time. The County built the park and adjacent restrooms while residents constructed an adjoining recreational facility using materials donated from local businesses. Valleydale Park officially was named in May 1949.

This time, Supervisor Molina secured several funding sources for the \$2.3 million renovation project. This includes \$407,000 in 1996 Prop A funds; \$1.7 million in L.A. County general funds; and \$234,000 in 1999 “Quimby fees.”

In addition, residents tailored the park’s renovation in order to meet the needs of the modern Azusa community. Completed before schedule and under budget, Valleydale Park now includes a new 3,600 square-foot multi-purpose community building; two lighted basketball courts that can be converted into tennis or volleyball courts; a walking path around the entire perimeter of the park; two picnic areas; playground equipment; park benches; a parking lot; and security lighting throughout the park.



Supervisor Molina gets acquainted with children from the Valleydale Summer Camp at the Valleydale Park Rededication in Azusa.

Supervisor Molina Celebrates Two Major Neighborhood Improvements in the San Gabriel Valley



Supervisor Molina addresses families benefiting from the Arbor Glen Homes project at the grand opening in Bassett.

On Saturday, July 19, Supervisor Gloria Molina celebrated two major improvements in the San Gabriel Valley that truly exemplify the type of neighborhood revitalization efforts she hopes to replicate across the First District. Supervisor Molina's first stop that morning was in Bassett—an unincorporated area of Molina's district—to celebrate the grand opening of the 33-home Arbor Glen affordable housing development.

"These homes replace an empty dairy building that had been abandoned for more than ten years," Molina explained. "Trash and graffiti accumulated, and the lot had long been considered a neighborhood eyesore. Now, this same land boasts some of the most sought after homes in the area."

The transformation occurred thanks to Supervisor Molina and the Los Angeles County Community

Development Commission's (CDC) decision to purchase the lot and work in partnership with developer Abell-Helou. Twelve market-rate homes now decorate the property along with 21 affordable units that are open to first-time home buying families who earn less than 80 percent of the area's median income. (In this case, the threshold for a family of four is \$44,100.) The \$7.1 million development received \$1.8 million in financial assistance—25 percent of the project's total cost—through the CDC in the form of Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership funds.

After kicking off the celebration with a tour of the properties, Supervisor Molina presented each new neighbor with the keys to their new home and a lovely orchid plant.

"Developments like Arbor Glen enhance neighborhoods while simultaneously helping satisfy the overwhelming demand for working families who seek to fulfill the basic American dream of homeownership," Molina said. "The nearly immediate sell-off of all the homes in Arbor Glen is a testament to the extent of L.A. County's affordable housing crisis."

In fact, upon advertising the Arbor Glen project, developer Abell-Helou received over 500 applications within one month. The company currently is developing two similar housing projects within several blocks of Arbor Glen with completion tentatively expected in 2004.

Later that afternoon, Supervisor Molina joined residents in Azusa to celebrate the rededication of Valleydale Park (located at 5525 North Lark Ellen Avenue). The celebration showcased local and County wide talent, as well as booths providing information about new park programs and L.A. County services.

"As the only public recreational facility in the unincorporated Azusa area, this is truly an occasion for celebration," Molina said. "I look forward to rededicating Valleydale Park today with the residents who contributed to the planning process. This was their vision and this is their park."

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ENRICHING LIVES... through Sharing A Commitment

County Community Development Commission Receives Five National Awards for its Wide-Ranging Innovative Programs



The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) received five National Association of Counties (NACo) "2003 Achievement Awards" in July. Pictured (L to R) are the five CDC team managers and lead staff persons:

Direct Deposit Imaging Program: Manager Jim Becker, Veronica Medrano

Neighborhood Improvement Program: Bob Nishimura, Adriana Ruiz, Manager Don Swift

MarBrisa Walk Single Family Homes: Tim Elliott, Manager Bill Huang

CDBG Community Meetings: Manager Linda Jenkins, Diann Viox

BLAST OFF Volunteer Program: Manager Kevin Fulton, Michael Jones

On July 13, the Los Angeles County CDC (Community Development Commission) – which serves as the County's affordable housing and economic and community development agency – received five National Association of Counties (NACo) "2003 Achievement Awards" for its wide-ranging innovative programs. The awards recognized the CDC's innovative use of technology, fraud prevention measures, development of affordable housing, proactive community outreach and participation, and literacy efforts.

The CDC received its five awards at NACo's 2003 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The annual NACo Achievement Awards started in 1970 and seeks to recognize innovative county government programs and increased services to their respective citizens. According to NACo, the awards program continues to "build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties." Established in 1935, the Washington, D.C.-based NACo

(www.naco.org) is the only national organization that represents county governments. The full-service enterprise aims to ensure that county officials have a strong voice in the nation's capital.

The following five CDC programs received awards:

♦ **Direct Deposit Imaging Program** - The CDC administers the federally-funded Section 8 program, which provides rental subsidies to over 20,000 low-income households living in units owned by approximately 9,000 participating landlords in the County. Over half of the landlords receive their monthly rental subsidy payments electronically via direct deposit of funds into their bank accounts. For these landlords, the CDC initiated a program in which their confidential financial information – previously maintained in binders with completed hard copy forms – is scanned into a computer database, thereby providing greater security and privacy, more efficient information management, and better overall customer service.

♦ **Neighborhood Improvement Program** - The CDC created this inter-agency program to stop the relatively small number of Section 8 program participants who engage in abuse and improper behavior. Through a cooperative exchange of information and shared resources, the program has identified, for example, unauthorized persons living in apartment units, narcotics activity, family members physically abusing their elders, unreported income, and building and safety violations. Such interventions help improve neighborhoods and will ensure that the Section 8 program maintains a positive image with the general public.

♦ **MarBrisa Walk Single Family Homes** - The CDC worked with the Walnut Park community and the Olsen Company (the private developer) to create this \$9 million affordable housing project, which consists of 50 homes in an economically depressed area. The tract replaced a vacant lot with a defunct glass factory and was the first new housing development within a two-mile radius of the site in over two decades. The CDC provided a \$1.6 million loan to this project, which required creative and collaborative approaches in community mobilization, financing, planning, and design.

♦ **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Meetings** - The CDC administers the largest urban County CDBG program in the nation, and the \$38 million in annual funds are used to improve the quality of life of low- and moderate-income people and areas. The federal government requires a CDBG-funded agency to solicit community input in developing annual and five-year plans that list proposed funding activities. In the County of Los Angeles, the CDC voluntarily initiated an expanded outreach program, which consisted of a multi-pronged marketing effort and a series of geographically dispersed community meetings. This resulted in significantly increased and more diverse citizen participation than in years past. The large public input enabled the CDC to prepare plans that were more sensitized to identify community needs.

♦ **BLAST OFF Volunteer Program** - In this program, college students earn service-learning hours by providing literacy and homework assistance to youth living at the CDC-owned 713-unit Carmelitos public housing site in Long Beach. The program is a collaboration between the CDC; California State University, Long Beach; and Long Beach Better Learning After School Today (BLAST), a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the education of local youth. This exciting volunteer program has helped increase the literacy and school performance of participating public housing youth.

Carlos Jackson, executive director of the CDC, said, "This set of five awards is a great affirmation of the dedicated and effective work of our staff. We are collectively building better lives and better neighborhoods for the people of Los Angeles County. I am pleased that my staff continues to receive proper recognition for their outstanding public service."

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- ♦ respect for diversity

Our ***position*** as the premiere organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- ♦ a capability to undertake programs that have public value
- ♦ an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation
- ♦ a pledge to always work to earn the public trust

Supervisor Knabe Announces the 16th Safe Surrender: Sweet Sixteen and Counting

On June 26, Supervisor Don Knabe was pleased to announce the 16th safely surrendered newborn in the County of Los Angeles. Officials report that the baby girl is in good health and doing well, having been safely surrendered on Tuesday, June 24, in Pomona.

“The law is working,” Knabe said, referring to California’s 72 hour Safe Surrender Law which allows anyone to safely surrender their newborn baby to any emergency room or designated fire station. “The efforts of the County and First 5 LA’s public information outreach campaign are saving lives. It’s only been a matter of days since the ads began running and we’ve had two safe surrenders.”

California’s 72 hour Safe Surrender Law allows anyone to surrender a newborn within the first 72 hours after birth at any hospital emergency room or other officially designated location without fear of prosecution. Parents then have 14 days to change their minds and reclaim their baby if they wish. The surrender is completely confidential and no names or personal information is taken.



This latest safe surrender marks the sixth this year and the 16th since the County’s efforts to better inform the public began in January 2002. “Tuesday’s safe surrender of a baby girl puts a whole new meaning to *Sweet Sixteen*,” Knabe said.

To date, 17 City fire departments have been officially designated as Safe Surrender Locations, as well as all County of Los Angeles fire stations.

“We have had tremendous support from city leaders in expanding access to this law. Over 17 cities have already stepped forward,” Knabe said. “I urge the final 13 City fire departments to join our efforts and help keep these babies safe.”

First 5 LA has played an important leadership role with the County in developing a public information campaign in the County of Los Angeles. Efforts have included Public Service Announcements, advertising on MTA buses and bus shelters, brochures, etc. In addition, all 12,000 County vehicles carry bumper stickers with the Safe Surrender Hotline phone number.

“If the parent does the right thing and gets their baby to a designated Safe Surrender Location within 72 hours of birth, there will be no shame, no blame, no names and there will be no prosecution,” Knabe said. “Fire stations and emergency rooms are ready to accept unwanted newborns and get them into safe hands. No questions asked.”



Remember to Vote
on October 7

EVENT CALENDAR

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Annual Boss-Secretary Luncheon

Los Angeles County Secretarial Council
Wednesday, October 8 - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wilshire Grande Hotel - 930 W. Wilshire Blvd
Contact Christi Starks at (562) 908-8605 for more info.

County of Los Angeles Wellness Fair

August 27 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Community and Senior Services
3175 W. 6th St. Los Angeles, 90020 - Parking lot

County of Los Angeles Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Expo

September 10 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Mall Area
500 W. Temple, Los Angeles 90012
Contact Gertha Benson at (323) 980-2268 for more info.

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Sept 6, 10 a.m. - BIG! WORLD! FUN! Family Series:
Michael Heralda in Aztec Stories
Sept 7 - Fiesta Mexicana: Bailes, Sones y Cantares.
Sept 8 - St. Petersburg String Quartet: Music of Dvořák,
Borodin, and Haydn.
Sept 13, 10 a.m. - BIG! WORLD! FUN! Family Series:
Great Leap: A slice of rice, frijoles and greens.
Sept 13-14-You Belong to My Heart: Augustín Lara.
Sept 19 - Elvis Schoenberg's Orchestre Surreal:
Symphony of the Absurd.
Sept 20, 10 a.m. - BIG! WORLD! FUN! Family Series:
Alex Acuña, Justo Almario & Friends
Sept 20 - Jazz Pilgrimage 2003:
A Tribute to Poncho Sanchez.

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Aug 26&28 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Mozart
Aug 29-30 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: John Williams:
His Music and More
Aug 31 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: The Big Picture -
The Hollywood Musical
Sept 2 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Grieg, Prokofiev,
Borodin
Sept 4 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Gershwin, Barber,
Dworak
Sept 5-6 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Tango Passion
Sept 9 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Mozart, Mahler

Sept 11 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Ramirez, Mozart
Sept 12-14 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: Fireworks
Finale - Treasures of China
Sept 20 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Warner Bros.
presents Bugs Bunny on Broadway

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August 30-31 - Fern & Exotic Plant Show & Sale
September 6 - California Philharmonic:
Affairs to Remember

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Ahmanson Theatre

Oct 8-Dec 6 - Andrew Lloyd Webber's
Phantom of the Opera

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

September 10-28 - Los Angeles Opera Presents
The Damnation of Faust
September 14-27 - Los Angeles Opera Presents
Nicholas and Alexandra

Mark Taper Forum

July 19 - September 7 - Gem of the Ocean
Oct 2 - Nov 9 - "Homebody/Kabul"

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Los Angeles County Superior
Michael D. Antonovich
and
Department of Children and Family Services

Presents the

8th Annual "All For The Love Of Kids"

An awards dinner and fundraiser
to benefit foster children in Los Angeles County

2003 Honorees:
Organizers of Spark Of Love Holiday Toy Drive

Los Angeles County/City Firefighters
and
San-on
Metrolink

Thursday, August 28, 2003
At the new Edwards Renaissance 14 Theatre
1 East Main St.
Alhambra, CA 91801
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SEE US EVERYWHERE INCLUDING: BROADWAY, WESTBURY, LONGBEACH, LAUGH
Factory Sports and other venues to be announced. Reservations \$4.00
event night.

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Los Angeles County Fair: September 12 - 28



“High Flying Fun,” L.A. County Fair’s theme this year, is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight. This Pomona celebration will begin on September 12 and continue through September 28.

On September 12, opening day at the L.A. County Fair, admission is only \$1. Opening events will include an Asian/Pacific Islander Festival, a Blues Festival, parade at 5:30 p.m. and the first Grandstand Concert at 8 p.m. featuring WAR.

County employees can purchase advance Fair tickets through their departmental Charitable Giving Coordinator or through the CAO, Office of Workplace Programs. Adult tickets are \$10, which includes a \$4 savings on weekend prices, eliminates waiting in line and includes a \$5 discount on the purchase of Carnival Fun Packs. Children’s tickets are \$6. In addition, all ticket sales will include a \$1 donation to charity, with fund-raising credit to your department and **free admission to nightly concerts.**

Nightly FREE Grandstand Concerts include:

Fri., Sept. 12	WAR
Sat., Sept. 13	B-52’s
Sun., Sept. 14	Styx
Thu., Sept. 18	Monster Truck Extreme
Fri., Sept. 19	Brad Paisley
Sat., Sept. 20	Earth, Wind & Fire
Sun., Sept. 21	Mariachi USA Fiesta
Fri., Sept. 26	Willie Nelson
Sat., Sept. 27	Tower of Power
Sun., Sept. 28	REO Speedwagon

If you wish to purchase LA County Fair tickets by mail, just complete the form below, attach your check made out to County of Los Angeles, CAO.

County of Los Angeles
L.A. County Fair Tickets
Sept. 12 – 28, 2003

Employee Name _____ Department _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Ticket:	Cost:	Number:	Total:
Any Day Adult	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Any Day Child	\$6	_____	\$ _____
Purchase Total			\$ _____

Send order form and check to:
CAO, Office of Workplace Programs, Fair Tickets
500 W. Temple St., Suite B-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Allow 5-8 working days for mail delivery. After Sept. 15th, tickets must be picked-up.
Contact your Charitable Giving Campaign Coordinator or call (213) 974-2760.
Thank you for supporting the County Charitable Giving Campaign 2003.



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